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TAGS: ECON PDEV PFOR PINS PROP PINT LA

SUBJECT: SLEF CONFIDENT CABINET PLEASED WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: THE CABINET IN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST  
7 EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE PROGRESS MADE DURING PAST  
MONTH IN MEETING GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES AT HOME AND  
ABROAD. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO VERNACULAR PARTY NEWSPAPER "VOICE OF  
THE PEOPLE" AUGUST 9, THE LPDR CABINET NOTED PROGRESS  
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS DURING JULY:

A. GREATER PEACE AND CALM IN THE COUNTRY COMPARED TO  
THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

B. STRONGER GROWTH IN PRODUCTION THAN REGISTERED  
EARLIER.

C. MOST IMPORTANTLY, RICE PLANTING WAS ALMOST COM-  
PLETED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY DESPITE THE LATE ARRIVAL

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OF RAINS IN SOME AREAS.

D. LAO PARTICIPATION IN THE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE IN  
COLOMBO WOULD ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

2. IN COMPARISON, THE PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE  
CABINET MEETING IN JULY NOTED SUCCESS ONLY IN THE  
EXCHANGE OF VIENTIANE KIP FOR THE NEW "LIBERATION" KIP.

3. COMMENT: OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE GOVERNMENT  
CLAIM THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY HAS  
IMPROVED AND THAT RICE PLANTING THROUGHOUT LAOS IS  
ALMOST COMPLETED DESPITE THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THE RAINS  
IN PARTS OF LAOS. AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECURITY  
SITUATION, IF TRUE, MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED AT LEAST IN  
PART TO THE ADVENT OF THE MONSOON WHICH WOULD TEND TO  
INHIBIT GUERILLA OPERATIONS.  
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